

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A multimedia platform that manages disparate files, comprising:
at least one processor that executes a management component that coordinates storage, retrieval, querying and manipulation of disparate multimedia files as one entity of data, the management component employs one or more schemas to retain and manipulate the disparate files with each file associated with one schema, the one or more schemas can include at least one of a common schema or a schema, derived from the common schema, and associated with a particular file type; and
a computer-readable storage medium that retains the disparate multimedia files managed by the management component, the computer-readable storage medium retains the disparate files in accordance with the one or more schemas employed to manage the disparate files.
2. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 1, the disparate files comprise one or more of audio, video, image or document files.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 1, the management component establishes links between disparate files via forming relationships between disparate files with data included in the one or more schemas, the links can include relationships with one or more contact items such that the management component utilizes the one or more contact items in connection with querying across and within the disparate files.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 1, the management component locates, associates and suggests metadata for a received file, the suggested metadata includes information indicative of a level confidence that the suggested metadata corresponds to the received file.

7. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 6, at least one of the suggested metadata is manually selected by user or automatically selected by the management component and associated with the file.

8. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 1, the management component resolves an association between a received file and an originating source of the received file.

9. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 8, the management component stores an original and the resolved association with the received file.

10. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 1, the management component associates one or more ratings with a file.

11. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 10, the one or more ratings comprises one or more of a parental, a quality and a user rating.

12. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 10, the one or more ratings is associated with one or more of an audio, a movie and a television rating.

13. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 10, the one or more ratings is employed in connection with querying across the disparate files.

14. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 1, the management component maintains a history of a stored file.

15. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 14, the file history is utilized in connection with intelligent decision-making to automate at least one of execution, manipulation and access to the file.

16. (Previously presented) The multimedia platform of claim 1, the management component generates one or more sub-parts for video, the sub-parts are associated with respective portions of the video and can be utilized to return to respective portions of the video.

17-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Previously presented) A system that manages disparate multimedia files, comprising:
a computer-readable storage medium that retains a multimedia file system that stores disparate multimedia files based at least in part on selected schemas, the schemas can include at least one of a generic schema, an audio schema or a video schema; and

at least one processor that executes:

a management component that manages and facilitates storage of the disparate multimedia files retained in the multimedia file system, the management component selects a schema for a given file based at least in part on characteristics of the file, the management component enables uniform access to the disparate multimedia files *via* the selected schemas in accordance with the selected schemas; and

an application program interface generation component that produces at least one application program interface based at least in part on the selected schemas, the application program interface enables one or more applications to interact with the disparate multimedia files in accordance with the schemas selected to store the files.

52. (Previously presented) The system of claim 51, the management component establishes links between the disparate multimedia files through connections indicated in the schemas.

53. (Previously presented) The system of claim 52, the links can include a link between a multimedia file and a contact item, the contact item is associated with a person and can include at least one of a mailing address, a phone number, an e-mail address, e-mails to and from the associated person, or references to additional information regarding the associated person.

54. (Previously presented) The system of claim 53, the link between the multimedia file and the contact item can include a role that defines a connection between the person associated with the contact item and the multimedia file.

55. (Previously presented) The system of claim 51, the at least one application program interface provides a framework for an application developer to arbitrarily generate an application that works uniformly across and within the disparate multimedia files.

56. (Previously presented) The system of claim 51, the selected schemas provide seamless identification, differentiation and access to the disparate files stored within the multimedia file system.

57. (Previously presented) A method that facilitates management of disparate multimedia files within a computer-readable medium, comprising:

- obtaining a multimedia file to retain in the computer-readable medium;
- selecting a schema from a plurality of schema to employ in retaining the multimedia file, the schema can include at least one of a common schema or a schema particular to a file type;
- retaining the multimedia file in the computer-readable medium based at least in part on the selected schema;
- generating an application program interface based at least in part on the selected schema, the application program interface enables uniform access to the multimedia file; and
- managing the retained multimedia file based at least in part on requests received via the application program interface and the selected schema.

58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, the schema particular to the file type can be at least one of an audio schema or a video schema.

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, the computer-readable medium is a data store.

60. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, the computer-readable medium is a file system.

61. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, further comprising establishing at least one link between the retained multimedia file and one or more other files.

62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 61, establishing the at least one link comprises including references in a schema associated with the retained multimedia file to the one or more files.